

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON ENVIRONMENT

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that weapons of mass destruction and problem of climatic change pose a big threat to the environment;

(b) if so, whether climatic change is likely to disturb the crop cycle of the farmers and give rise to natural calamities; and

(c) if so, the remedial steps the Government proposes to take in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. There has been considerable concern in recent days about possible detrimental effects of Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) and of climate change. Modern war equipments are developed with deadly chemical and biological agents, which are disastrous in nature and their use through WMD is likely to cause large scale losses as well as post war effects. Climate change is also likely to disturb the crop cultivation and may result in natural calamities.

(c): As stated, the Government is aware of the adverse effects of climate change. Our country is, therefore, an active participant in important international climate change negotiations, Conferences, bilateral and multilateral meetings with a view to safeguarding the interest of the country in these negotiations, meetings. A number of Conferences on the subject related to Climate Change have also been arranged by the Government, such as Eighth Conference of Parties (COP-8) to United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in October-November 2002, Technology Bazaar in November 2003 and 22nd Plenary Session of Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in November, 2004, which have been helpful in generating public opinion on adverse impacts of climate change. These events were duly covered by the Media.